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November 17, 1995

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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Northshore Natural Process Minerals Project, S/003/037, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on November 16, 1995. The application for the proposed Northshore Natural Process Minerals Project, located in Section 9, T11N, R9W, SLBM, Box Elder County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. The Division will grant a variance from stockpiling topsoil from the old 'pond' area since these materials were not supporting vegetation (as observed during the November 14, 1995 site visit). This variance applies only to the portions of the old 13-acre pond area that you will be using. However, stockpiling any available soil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

The Division is currently processing the large mining operation notice that will encompass this area. Please note, you cannot use (or expand) beyond 5 acres until the large mining notice is approved and the reclamation surety is posted.



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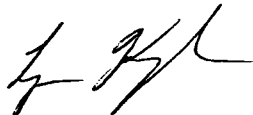
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A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon lands under state mineral leases administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration/school sections. Before conducting mining operations on state leased lands, the operator must provide formal written notification, meet bonding requirements, and obtain written approval from the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. Please contact them for their requirements. Their address is: School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, 355 West North Temple, Suite 400, Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1204; phone number (801) 538-5508.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,



Lynn Kunzler
Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure

cc: Kiran Bhayani, DWQ w/NOI

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